

**Sixth Annual Sanctuary Advisory Council National Meeting**  
**Washington, D.C.**  
**April 25 – 27, 2006**

**Flights into Washington, D.C.**

It is recommended that you fly into Reagan National Airport simply for the ease of getting to and from the airport; you can even take the metro subway and walk two blocks to Hotel Washington. Dulles International Airport and Baltimore-Washington International Airport are also options. Below is additional information on each airport and their proximity to Hotel Washington:

**Reagan National (DCA)**

- \* Distance: 4 MI/ 6.44 KM N
- \* Taxi Fee: \$14.00 (USD)
- \* Time by taxi: 10 to 15 minutes
- \* Time by train: 22 minutes
- \* Alt. Transportation: Metro Subway
- \* Alt. Transportation Fee: \$1.45 (USD)

**Dulles International (IAD)**

- \* Distance: 35 MI/ 56.33 KM E
- \* Taxi Fee: \$45.00 (USD)
- \* Time by taxi: 45 minutes
- \* Alt. Transportation: Super Shuttle
- \* Atl. Transportation Fee: \$22.00 (USD)

**Baltimore-Washington Int'l (BWI)**

- \* Distance: 40 MI/ 64.37 KM SW
- \* Taxi Fee: \$50.00 (USD)
- \* Time by taxi: 45 minutes
- \* Time by train: 60 minutes
- \* Alt. Transportation: Super Shuttle
- \* Atl. Transportation Fee: \$25.00 (USD)

**Car Rental**

**There is no need to rent a car.** Public transportation is abundant in Washington, D.C.. Transportation options from each airport are listed above. Council coordinators will use the Metro to travel to ONMS HQ offices on Tuesday morning. With that exception, hotel rooms, meeting rooms, the reception, and the Chairs Dinner are all at the Hotel Washington.

### [The Hotel Washington](#)

Hotel Washington.  
15<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004

[www.thehotelwashington.com](http://www.thehotelwashington.com)  
Toll free reservations: 1-800-424-9540  
Phone: 202-638-5900  
FAX: 202-638-1594

Rooms have been reserved at the federal government rate of \$187 per night, under the block name of "SAC National Meeting". Provide the block name when you make your reservation. Please make your reservation by March 9, 2006 to get the government rate and be assured of a room. Individual reservations can also be made under reservations at [www.hotelwashinton.com](http://www.hotelwashinton.com) using the group booking ID #27459. Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card.

Guests may check in after 3:00 p.m. and check out by 1:00 p.m.

Cancellations must be made by 5:00 pm on the day before arrival, or one night's room and tax will be charged to the credit card.

If you want to arrive early or stay longer at your own expense, the Hotel Washington will honor the above quoted federal government rate for 3 days prior to and 3 days after the meeting.

Hotel Washington is a beautiful, historical hotel located on famous Pennsylvania Avenue, with unsurpassed views from the famous Roof Top Terrace atop the hotel. As the oldest continuously operating hotel in the District of Columbia, it is deeply rooted in the history of the Nations Capital. Hotel Washington is across the street from the White House, only 10 minutes from National Airport, and convenient to the Metrorail system (two blocks from Metro Center at 13th and F street). The Old Town Trolley stop is also located right on Pennsylvania Ave outside the Hotel Washington.

**Hotel Restaurants include:** Roof Top Terrace (light menu for lunch, dinner and cocktails), Two Continents Sky Room (dinner), and Two Continents Lobby Restaurant (breakfast).

**Guest Services Include:** Room Service (7am-10pm), Ice and Soda machines on each floor, Safe Deposit Boxes, Dry Cleaning and Laundry, In house Audio Visual Company, Fitness Center, Saunas, Gift Shop, Baggage Service, Indoor Parking.

Please email all presentations to Rachel Lillestolen by April 14 ([Rachel@nmsfocean.org](mailto:Rachel@nmsfocean.org)). Back-ups are recommended (bring presentations on CDs

and/or thumb drives)! The hotel will have a staff A/V person to run the powerpoint presentations.

If you have bulky materials you would like to send ahead, contact Hotel Washington. Individuals will be responsible for picking up packages and bringing to meeting.

### Weather/Climate

The temperatures in DC in late April are relatively mild, ranging from 45 – 65 F, with blossoming flowers.

### Attire

The dress for the entire week is business casual.

### Council Communications with Congress

Since the meeting will be held in Washington, D. C., it is also necessary to address the issue of communications with congress. Below is an excerpt from the NMSP Council Implementation Handbook.

“Council members are not prohibited from contacting Congress as private citizens on their concerns as private citizens. Council members may also respond if a Congressional member makes an inquiry to the Council. Subject to the Sanctuary Manager’s approval, a Council may make a recommendation to NOAA concerning NOAA legislation, which the agency can then take into account during its own decision-making process and may also inform Congress of the position taken by one or more Councils. Subject to the Sanctuary Manager’s approval, Councils may also comment on State legislation.

However, there is no authority for the Council to advise persons or groups other than the Secretary on legislation affecting Sanctuaries. Also, NOAA may not request or authorize Councils or their members to conduct any activity that would lead to grassroots lobbying. Finally, the activities of the Council members can reflect adversely on NOAA by creating the appearance that the agency is engaged in such prohibited activities. Therefore, a Council may not write directly, or send copies of correspondence, to the U.S. Congress, either at the request of NOAA or on its own initiative. “

### What council members can do while in Washington, D.C.:

- Attend reception hosted by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.
- Set up your own meetings with Congress, as a private citizen.

### What the NMSP cannot do while council members are in Washington, D. C.:

- Facilitate or attend meetings between council members and congress.

### Meeting Details – Tuesday, April 25 (Coordinators Only)

- On Tuesday **ONLY COORDINATORS** meet; most council members will use this as a travel day. The meeting will be at the ONMS HQ Offices, Large Conference Room in Silver Spring, Maryland. Coordinators will meet in the hotel lobby to Metro to Silver Spring (plan to have cash on hand for riding the metro). A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- Since the meeting will be held at ONMS HQ offices it will be important to plan to remain in the conference room for the full day. If you need to meet with HQ staff regarding other matters, you will need to schedule it for the 15 minute breaks, during the hour lunch, or preferably after the meeting ends. The discussions are most productive if all coordinators are present for the full day.
- As proposed in Scitutate, we will discuss the FY2006 council performance measure including quickly reviewing the current measure, questions associated with tracking the measure, and then review each council's "contribution" to the measure thus far. **Please be prepared with questions, issues and tracking thus far.** We will also discuss the status of the language we proposed for FY2007 and beyond.
- **Please bring your copy of the newly revised 2006 ONMS Council Implementation Handbook to the meeting (you should receive it during the first part of the calendar).** We will walk through the more substantive language additions to the handbook so you can highlight them to your council.
- The open discussion session is for any and all issues coordinators want to discuss. **Please come with a list of issues, concerns, and questions.**
- We may wrap up the day in Silver Spring with a very informal Happy Hour to allow council coordinators to meet ONMS HQ staff. (TBD)
- Dinner is on your own.

### Meeting Details – Wednesday, April 26

- The meeting will be held at Hotel Washington in the Washington Room. Breakfast is on your own. Lunch is provided. Dinner is on your own, although there will be hors d'oeuvres at the reception.
- The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation is hosting a reception in your honor on Wednesday evening at the North End Terrace, Hotel Washington. The reception will begin immediately following the meeting. As with the rest of the week, the dress is business casual. Wine, beer, sodas and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

### Meeting Details – Thursday, April 27

- The meeting will be held at Hotel Washington in the Parkview Room. Breakfast is on your own. Lunch is provided. The Chairs will have a working dinner with Dan; the Coordinators will have dinner on their own.
- Process for Thursday April 27: The fishing, national council and acoustics discussions will be two-way information exchanges. The ONMS seeks your individual, expert opinion based on your knowledge of your sanctuary, the ONMS and councils. You are welcome to read a statement from your council, but other than that the discussions are of an individual nature. Because the Council of Chairs and Charter have been eliminated, there is no authority for voting, consensus, resolutions or motions.
- “Fishing Regulations in National Marine Sanctuaries” is a presentation and discussion session that has been added to the agenda. Recent discussions have highlighted the need to clarify NOAA’s coordination process concerning fishing regulations within sanctuaries, with regard to which authority to use for fishing regulations for national marine sanctuaries. NOAA determines, on a case-by-case basis, the most appropriate statutory vehicle (MSA, NMSA, or both) to fulfill sanctuary goals and objectives regarding fishing-related actions proposed in national marine sanctuaries. NOAA is finalizing guidelines to clarify the process by which any fishing regulations within sanctuaries would be addressed. These guidelines will provide a clear path by which NOAA would determine the best approach (Magnuson-Stevens Act or National Marine Sanctuaries Act, or both) to achieve stated goals and objectives within sanctuaries as they pertain to fishing activities. The guidelines have a clear role for the appropriate Fishery Management Council, state and federal agencies, sanctuary advisory councils, sanctuary users and other interested persons. **Please come prepared to discuss this topic.**
- The “National Council” presentation will be conducted by Karen Brubeck, National Sanctuary Advisory Council Coordinator, ONMS, and facilitated by Elizabeth Moore, CPPB Chief, ONMS. Support information was provided in the August package from Dan Basta in preparation for the session. **Please come prepared to discuss this topic.**
- The “Acoustics Panel” is a discussion panel on the topic of anthropogenic impacts on marine life. The panel will likely consist of an agency representative, a Marine Mammal Commission representative, a scientific researcher and an industry representative. Helene Scalliet, ONMS is coordinating and facilitating the panel session. Support information and questions were provided in the August package from Dan Basta in preparation for this session. **Please come prepared to discuss this topic.**

- The Chairs Dinner will be held in the Council Meeting Room, Hotel Washington. The dinner is an opportunity for the council chairs to discuss procedural, trouble-shooting or other issues with Dan Basta, Director, ONMS and Michael Weiss, Deputy Director, ONMS. **Please bring discussion topics with you.**

For the dinner each Chair will need to select between two entrees noted below and notify: Rachel Lillestolen, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, [Rachel@nmsfocean.org](mailto:Rachel@nmsfocean.org), 301-608-3040 x4, by March 20. If we have not received your preference by that date, the angel hair pasta will be ordered.

#### **Angel Hair Pasta**

A delicious tomato-based sauce with sun-dried tomatoes and pine nuts.

#### **Chicken Parmesan**

Breast of chicken served with a medley of zucchini, squash and eggplant, with fettuccini pasta.

### **Travel Orders and Expenses**

Travel for each chair will be covered by HQ, but the invitational travel order must be prepared by the site. Please use accounting code **10-04-0006-01-00-00-00 D8K5B25-PSA**. Please note that per diem on travel vouchers will need to be adjusted when meals are provided. Travel for each coordinator is covered by the site.

Please note that HQ will cover the Chairs' airfare and hotels, meals and transportation costs for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. For those Chairs coming from Pacific sites, HQ will cover Monday night as well.